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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES - UNCTAD COMMON FUND

MEETING, NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 2

REF: (A) STATE 214220 () STATE 191312

1. SEPT. 12 DCM FINALLY ABLE SPEAK TO GASPARD TOWO ATANGANA, ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONCERNING CAMEROONIAN POSITION ON COMMON FUND. ATANGANA SAID CAMEROONIAN POSITION DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION FIRST WITH OTHER AFRICAN STATES AND THEN IN GROUP OF 77. WHILE MINISTER OF FINANCE MARCEL YONDO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN LEADER OF CAMEROONIAN DELEGATION TO AND MOST INFLUENTIAL IN DETERMINING POSITION OF CAMEROON AT CIEC MEETINGS, THIS RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADER OF DELEGATION NOW FALLS UNDER AMBASSADOR F.L. OYONO, CAMEROONIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR LUCAS NKWETTA ZAA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN MINISTRY, IS ALREADY IN NEW YORK AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. ATANGANA CONFIRMED THAT CAMEROON DOES NOT HAVE ANYONE IN GENEVA ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT SENDS A REPRESENTATIVE TO MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES AS NEEDED. IMPRESSION
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WAS GAINED THAT GENERAL NEGOTIATING POSITIONS ARE DEVELOPED AND FINAL POSITIONS IN LARGE PART DETERMINED BY AFRICAN AND GROUP OF 77 CAUCUS RESULTS. FINAL NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENCY, PROBABLY MINISTER IN CHARGE OF MISSIONS FRANCOIS SENGAT KUO, AND PERHAPS BY SAMEUL EBOUA, SECRETARY GENERAL IN PRESIDENCY, OR EVEN BY PRESIDENT HIMSELF.

2. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL SEND EXPERT DISCUSS
COMMON FUND TO CAMEROON AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, ON BASIS OF PAST
CONTACTS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USUN APPROACH NKWETTA ZAA ON
COMMON FUND AND ANY OTHER OUTSTANDING MATTERS REMAINING FROM
CIEC MEETINGS. NKWETTA ZAA IS ANGLOPHONE AND FORMER CAMEROONIAN
AMBASSADOR TO UK. HE WAS ALSO MEMBER OF CAMEROONIAN
DELEGATION TO CIEC AND MOST APPROACHABLE ON ALL NORTH/SOUTH
ISSUES, INCLUDING MULTINATIONALS. IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NKWETTA ZAA WILL PROBABLY ATTEND
FUTURE MEETINGS.

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON UNGA CONSULTATIONS.
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